REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated March 20, 2003, and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

The present application comprises amended pages 1-9 and originally filed pages 10 and 11. Amended pages 1-9 include claims 1-7 and original pages 10 and 11 include claim 11 which has been renumbered claim 8. Additionally, new claims 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been added. For the record these claims basically comprise the subject matter of original claims 7-10.

Claims 1-4 have been rewritten as a regular linear sentence, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the criticism of these claims has been properly addressed.

Additionally, the criticism of claims 7 an 8 have been addressed and the multiple dependency is no longer an issue.

All of the claims have been amended to delete the objectionable "and/or" terminology, and reference to "having an irregular particle structure" has been deleted from the claims.

In summary, all of the informalities have been properly addressed and corrected. The claims are now believed to be in proper form and in full compliance with 35 USC §112. Moreover, the amended claims are directed to patentable subject matter which is neither shown nor suggested by the prior art. All of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

CONNOLLY, BOVE, LODGE & HUTZ, LLP

Richard M. Beck Reg. No. 22,580 Tel. (302) 658-9141

RMB/alh/270761